

## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1042

Introduced by: Representatives Duvall and Rounds and Senator Monroe

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating and honoring the 2014 South Dakota First Tech Challenge (FTC) Robotics Team "Loading..."

WHEREAS, The FTC is a part of the South Dakota Robotics Association (SDRA) which was organized to teach robotics and engineering classes and allows South Dakota to be an official FIRST region; and

WHEREAS, students that participate in FTC show a greater interest in science, technology, computers, robots, and problem solving. Students who participate in this "Sport for the Mind" learn thinking skills, problem solving skills, work-place related skills, and research skills; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." competed in the qualifying tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 1, 2014, and placed third in the field competition and won the Think Award; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." competed in the championship tournament in Casper, Wyoming, on February 15, 2014, and were part of the second place alliance in the field competition finals and won the First Place Inspire Award; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." has earned a spot at the super-regional competition to be held in Sacramento, California, March 20-22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." is the first South Dakota team to ever win at a FTC Robotics regional competition and compete at a super-regional competition:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors the 2014 South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." team members Matthew Darnall, Haley Ketteler, Seth Snyder, Zayn Snyder, Austin Lentsch, Samuel



Ryckman, and Nathan Remmich, and coaches Scott Darnall and Nancy Ketteler and their great achievement in winning the top place in the championship tournament in Casper, Wyoming, and being selected to compete in the super-regional competition in Sacramento, California, on March 20-22, 2014.